

Amendments to the Specification

- 1) Please insert the following subtitle at page 1, below the title:
Background

- 2) Please delete the text at page 1, lines 3 - 5.

- 3) Please insert the following subtitle and text at page 1, line 25:
Summary

The present invention relates to fluid distribution and control valves, in particular for an onboard system for delivering respiratory gas to a passenger.

- 4) Please insert the following paragraph at page 1, line ³²31:

The present invention also relates to an onboard system for delivering respiratory gas to a passenger, the system comprising a valve, and the sources of pressurized fluid typically being a main oxygen source and an emergency oxygen source.

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Brief Description of the Drawings

For a further understanding of the nature and objects for the present invention, reference should be made to the following detailed description, taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawings, in which like elements are given the same or analogous reference numbers and wherein:

- Figure 1 illustrates a schematic view of one embodiment, according to the current invention, of an onboard respiratory gas delivery system;
- Figure 2 illustrates a schematic view of second embodiment, according to the current invention, of the system shown in Figure 1; and
- Figure 3 illustrates a schematic view of a third embodiment, according to the current invention, of the system shown in Figure 1.

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Description of Preferred Embodiments

According to one embodiment of the invention the fluid distribution and control valve comprises a valve body defining four internal zones which are each connectable to an external fluid circuit, and a mobile structure which can be moved into at least four positions in order to selectively establish a fluid communication between two of these zones and to isolate each of the two other zones, a first of these zones being connectable to a user fluid circuit and being able to be selectively brought into communication with each of the three other zones depending on the movement of the mobile structure.

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- 8) Please delete the text beginning at page 2, line ²¹~~19~~, and ending at page 3, line 1.

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- 9) Please insert the following paragraph at page 6, line 13:

It will be understood that many additional changes in the details, materials, steps and arrangement of parts, which have been herein described in order to explain the nature of the invention, may be made by those skilled in the art within the principle and scope of the invention as expressed in the appended claims. Thus, the present invention is not intended to be limited to the specific embodiments in the examples given above.

- 10) Please replace the subtitle at page 7, line 1, with the following text:
CLAIMS What is claimed is: